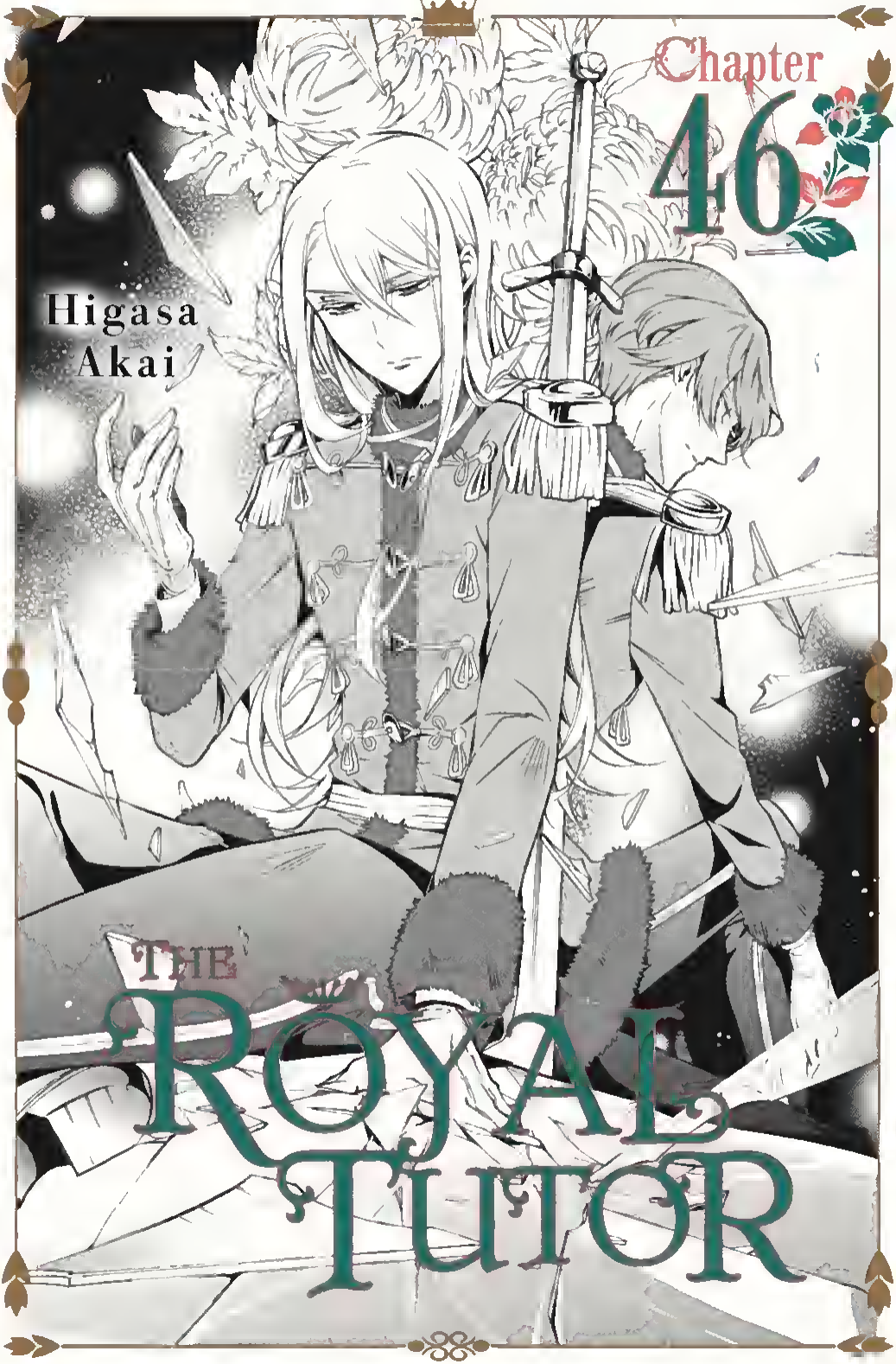
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# The Clash

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GOOD MORNING!
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MUNCH
MUNCH
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THANK YOU.
HERE YOU AAARE! MY SPECIAL HAM AND LETTUCE SANDWICH WITH A MÉLANGE, MY TREAT. ♪

SAY, I HAD A BIT OF A SHOCK YESTERDAY...
DO YOU MEAN PRINCE EINS'S VISIT TO THE CAFÉ?
I WAS PRESENT AS WELL, YOU KNOW.
NOT THAT! IT WAS LAST NIGHT!
REMEMBER HOW I SPILLED A DRINK ON MY UNIFORM AND TOOK IT HOME WITH ME?
WELL, I WASHED IT, AND AS I WAS HANGING IT UP IN MY BEDCHAMBER TO DRY, BRUNIE SUDDENLY LET HIMSELF IN, AND...

I JUST KNEW THAT, MY SECRET EXPOSED, I WAS IN FOR AN INSTANT LECTURE... THE THREE-HOUR FULL COURSE...
SIT RIGHT THERE!!
NOW LISTEN! TRULY, YOU HAVE NO COGNIZANCE OF YOUR PLACE AS A ROYAL. NAG, NAG...
URGH...
RRRUMBLE

I THINK IT WAS TOO DARK FOR HIM TO SEE.
ACTU-ALLY... HE DIDN'T SAY A WORD.
AND THEN... DID HE VOICE HIS PROTEST?

I SEE..
...I'M IN THE CLEAR!
IT WAS A CLOSE ONE, BUT SINCE HE DIDN'T FIND OUT...

AAAAAH!
GLINT
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I'LL ACT LIKE SOMEONE ELSE AND SAY I'M JUST A LOOK-ALIKE...
NO, NO, HE'D TOTALLY SEE THROUGH THAT...
AAAAAAAAAAAA
G-GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE! WHAT AM I GONNA DO!?
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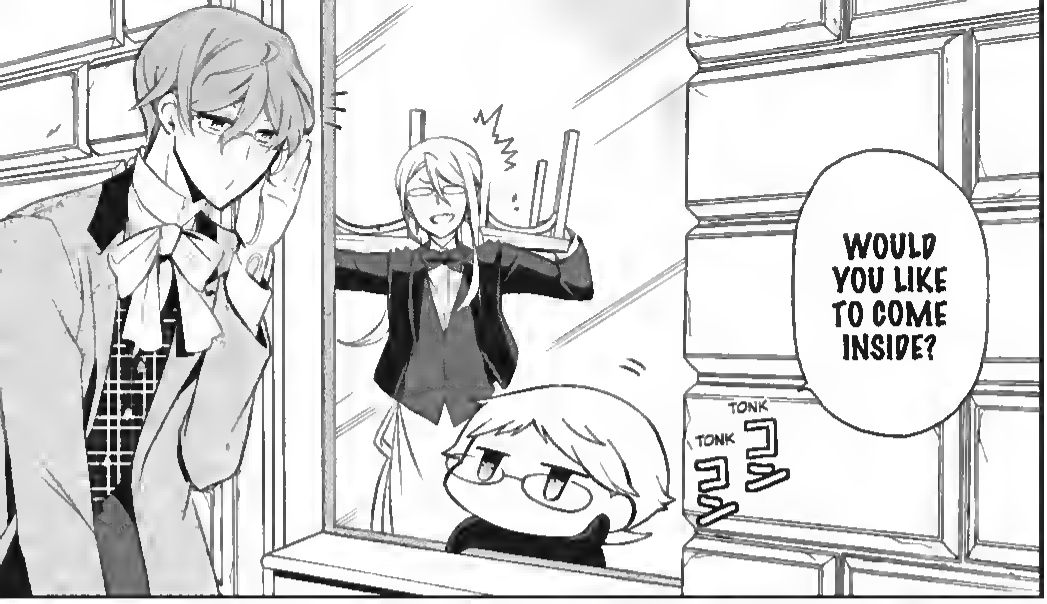
BARRICADE ALL THE ENTRANCES!!
THEN...AS LONG AS I PREVENT HIM FROM ENTERING THE CAFÉ, HE'LL BE POWERLESS ...!!


WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME INSIDE?
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HARRUMPH!
WAIT A—!!
TEACH!!
IF HE HAS SEEN YOU, THEN THERE IS HARDLY ANY POINT IN HIDING, IS THERE?

WELCOME!
PARDON ME...

DO COME IN.
TH-THANK YOU, MASTER...

WHAT!?
...NOW, WHY WERE YOU SPYING THROUGH THE WINDOW?
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BADUM
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I SINCERELY APOLOGIZE FOR PURSUING YOUR CARRIAGE WITHOUT ANNOUNCING MYSELF! HOWEVER...
SUPER-SERIOUS!!
...RATHER THAT, THOUGH I AM ASHAMED TO ADMIT IT, I HAVE NEVER ENTERED A CAFÉ...
...Y-YOU MIS-UNDER-STAND. IT IS NOT THAT I WAS SPYING ...
STUCK IN PLACE
I WAS ATTEMPTING TO OBSERVE THE INNER WORKINGS OF THE CAFÉ THROUGH THE WINDOW SO THAT I MIGHT VERIFY THE RULES...!
IS IT ACCEPTABLE TO VENTURE INSIDE ON A WHIM? SHOULDN'T ONE HAVE A RESERVA-TION?
MUST ONE KNOW WHAT HE WILL ORDER PRIOR TO ENTERING?
HE WAS FUSSING OVER BOTHER-SOME THINGS AGAIN...

...BUT NEVER IN MY WILDEST DREAMS ...
...DID I IMAGINE THAT LICHT WOULD BE WORKING INSIDE...
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ERM...
.....

SO YOU HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKING WORK EXPERIENCE LESSONS AS WELL, HAVE YOU?
HUH?
YOU SHOULD SIMPLY HAVE SAID SO.
INSTEAD, YOUR SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR DROVE ME TO FOLLOW YOU OUT OF CONCERN.
I ALSO GOT TO EXPERIENCE BEING A TUTOR FOR A DAY.
IT WAS INCREDIBLY EYE-OPENING.
G'NIGHT!
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HA HA...!
AND YESTERDAY AS WELL... PERHAPS I AM WRONG, BUT IT SEEMED AS THOUGH YOU WERE HIDING SOMETHING.
CLAIMING YOU HAD SPECIAL LESSONS...

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A SPECIAL LESSON WITH MASTER...
HAAH...
I AM JEALOUS... IT IS HIGH TIME I HAD ANOTHER WORK EXPERIENCE LESSON...
WHAT!?
ホヒョ
BLUSH
PRINCE BRUNO, WILL YOU BE STUDYING HERE?
I MUST REMAIN HERE AS A CHAPERONE UNTIL PRINCE LICHT'S WORK IS DONE.
YES. IF YOU ARE SO INCLINED, I COULD ADVISE YOU ON YOUR WRITING, FOR EXAMPLE.
ASK ME ANYTHING
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FIDGET そわ
FIDGET そわ
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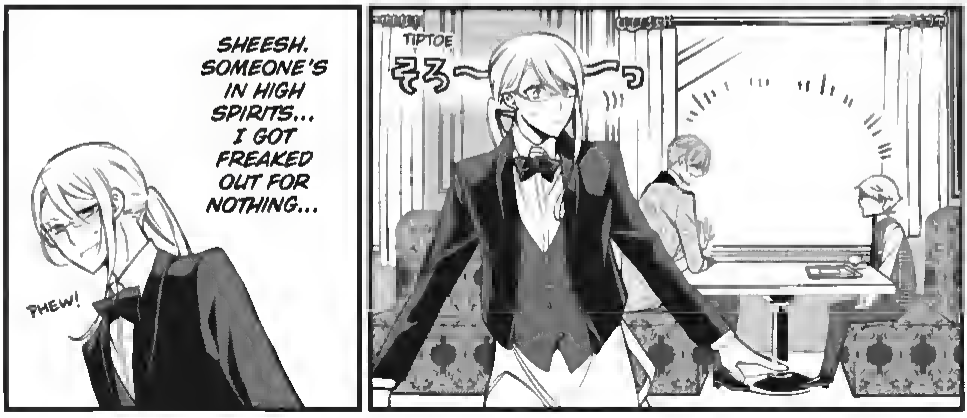
WITH YOU...?
M-M-MAY I?

YES! YES, BY ALL MEANS!!
HE WAS MOVED ...?

VERY WELL, THEN. REGARDING YOUR CURRENT THESIS...


SHEESH. SOMEONE'S IN HIGH SPIRITS... I GOT FREAKED OUT FOR NOTHING...
PHEW!
TIPTOE

MY JOB HERE ISN'T QUITE A LESSON. BUT... IF IT MEANS HE WON'T BE MAD, WHAT HE DOESN'T KNOW WON'T HURT HIM.
SO... THERE'S NO REASON FOR HIM TO BE ANGRY, IS THERE?
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, HE'LL NEVER KNOW THAT I WAS WORKING IN SECRET AT FIRST IF I DON'T TELL HIM.
SINCE YOU'RE HERE, FANCY SOMETHING TO DRINK?
FRIEND OF YOURS?
MY BIG BROTH-ER
REALLY! YOUR LITTLE BROTHER ISN'T YOUR ONLY SIBLING!?
THEN HOW ABOUT THE APFEL-STRUDEL?
AH, YES... I DID NOT EAT MUCH FOR BREAK-FAST...

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WHEW! I'M KNACKERED.
RATTLE
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...THANKS FOR TAGGING ALONG!
WELL, YOU TWO...
YOU AND YOUR CHEEK.
FEH!
U-FU-FUU!
IT SURE IS TOUGH, BEING A PROFES-SIONAL!
A LEISURELY LESSON IN A DIFFERENT LOCATION THAN IS OUR CUSTOM...
OH, NO... MASTER AND I AT THE CAFÉ...
SUCH A BLISSFUL TIME IT WAS... A TRUE MEETING OF MINDS BETWEEN MASTER AND APPREN-TICE...!
WHAT WERE YOU TWO DOING, TEACH...?
PSST
WE STUDIED NO DIFFERENTLY THAN USUAL...
STAAARE
...SO, THEN...
BEEEAM

...WHEN WILL THIS WORK EXPERIENCE OF YOURS BE OVER AND DONE WITH?
.....

.....
IT IS A HANDS-ON LESSON, YES?
...SURELY YOU CANNOT INTEND TO CARRY ON WITH IT FOREVER.
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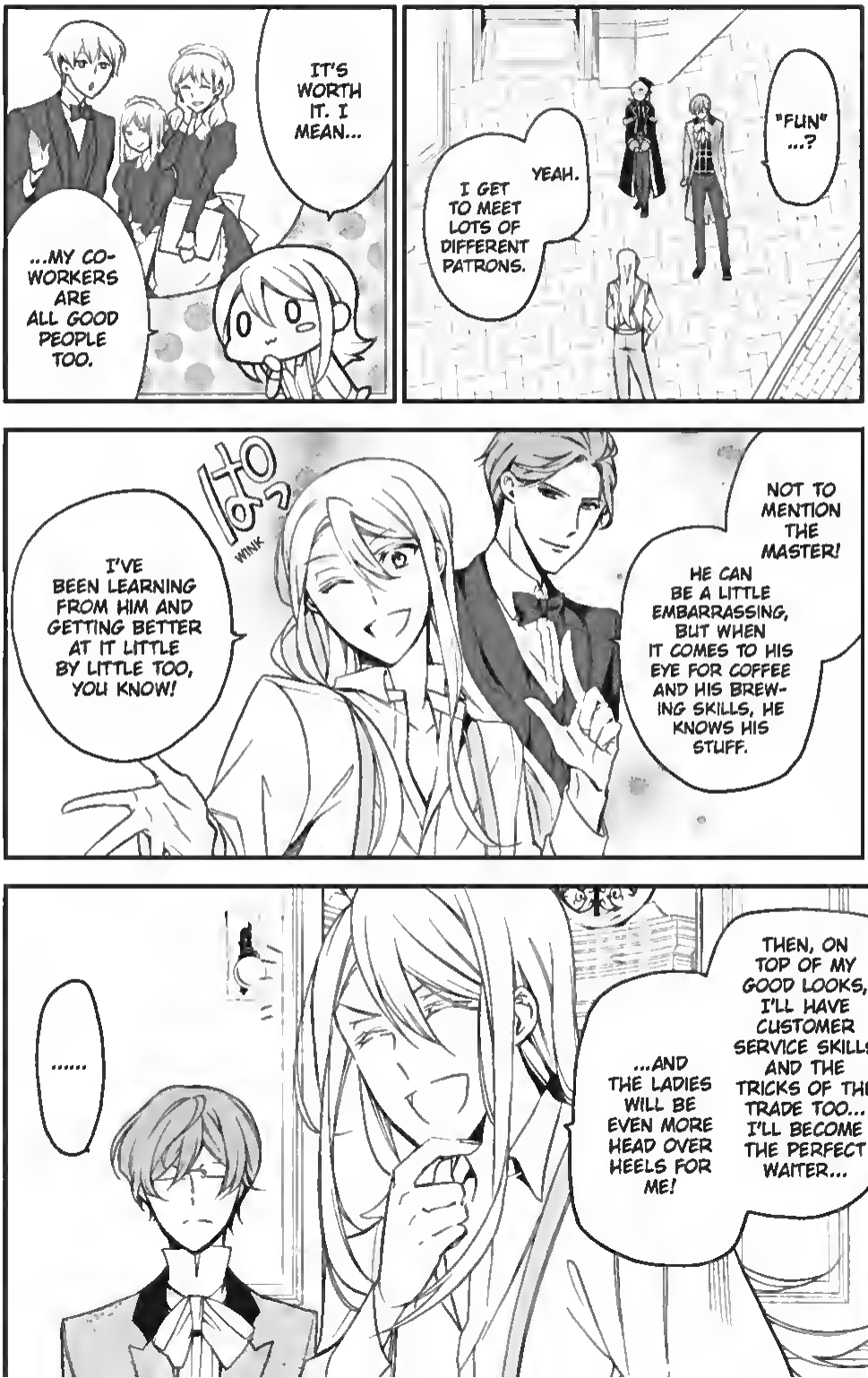
IT'S FUN.
MM...
I DON'T, BUT...
...I GUESS I DON'T PLAN ON QUITTING SOON EITHER.
WHA ...?


IT'S WORTH IT. I MEAN...
...MY CO-WORKERS ARE ALL GOOD PEOPLE TOO.
"FUN" ...?
YEAH. I GET TO MEET LOTS OF DIFFERENT PATRONS.
NOT TO MENTION THE MASTER!
HE CAN BE A LITTLE EMBARRASSING, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO HIS EYE FOR COFFEE AND HIS BREWING SKILLS, HE KNOWS HIS STUFF.
WINK
I'VE BEEN LEARNING FROM HIM AND GETTING BETTER AT IT LITTLE BY LITTLE TOO, YOU KNOW!
THEN, ON TOP OF MY GOOD LOOKS, I'LL HAVE CUSTOMER SERVICE SKILLS AND THE TRICKS OF THE TRADE TOO... I'LL BECOME THE PERFECT WAITER...
...AND THE LADIES WILL BE EVEN MORE HEAD OVER HEELS FOR ME!
.....

YOU MUST BE JOKING !!

ARE YOU ASPIRING TO BE KING WITH SUCH HALFHEARTED COMMITMENT?
...YOU MEAN TO "HAVE FUN" WORKING AT A CAFÉ TOO...?
WHILE STUDYING TO BECOME WORTHY OF THE CROWN...
WHAT WAS THAT DECLARATION YOU MADE TO EINS, THEN...?

DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WISHED TO BECOME A MAN LIKE FATHER...!?
—!
...YOU ARE SO IRRESPONSIBLE AND SHAMEFUL...
...THAT I'D ALWAYS BELIEVED YOU NEVER SPARED SO MUCH AS A SINGLE THOUGHT TO THE FUTURE.
BUT WHEN WE CONFRONTED EINS...WHEN I LEARNED THAT YOU TOO HAD SERIOUS ASPIRATIONS FOR THE THRONE...

...AS YOUR ELDER BROTHER... AS FELLOW RIVALS WHO WOULD DRIVE EACH OTHER TO GREATER HEIGHTS...
...I WAS HAPPY...

BUT YOU...
GRAB
YOU... YOU ONLY SAID THAT ON A LARK, DIDN'T YOU!?
NO!

I THINK IT'S INCREDIBLE. I LOOK UP TO HIM.
BUT I...
SACRIFICING HIS OWN WANTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE KINGDOM... ALWAYS WORKING...
...I REALLY DO WANT TO BECOME A GREAT MAN LIKE FATHER.
I'VE LEARNED THAT THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO LIVE.
AND I WONDER... IF FATHER'S LIFE ISN'T THE ONLY THING I SHOULD BE AIMING FOR...
BUT DEVOTING YOURSELF TO THE KINGDOM AND ITS PEOPLE IS THE DUTY OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.
WE MUST ALWAYS BE FULLY AWARE OF THAT—
I KNOW THAT!

BUT IF IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT OUR ROLE AS ROYALS, DEVOTING OURSELVES TO THE KINGDOM AND ALL THAT...
...THEN WHAT FUN WILL THERE BE IN OUR FUTURES !?

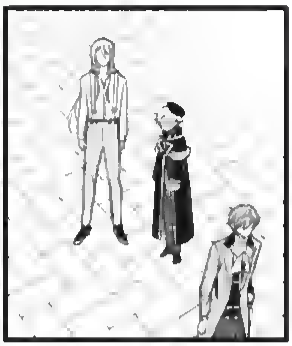
—!
YOU ...!!
GRAB
GRIP
WHY, YOU...
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE ...!

ENOUGH!!

THAT WILL BE QUITE ENOUGH...
...FROM THE BOTH OF YOU.

.....
KOFF...
YOUR HIGHNESSES HAVE BECOME A BIT TOO HEATED.
YOUR OPINIONS MAY DIFFER, BUT BECOMING EMOTIONAL WILL NOT SOLVE A THING.
SIGH...
THERE IS THE CAFÉ'S SIDE TO CONSIDER AS WELL. WERE HE TO RESIGN TOO SUDDENLY, IT WOULD CAUSE UNDUE TROUBLE FOR THEM.
THE END DATE FOR PRINCE LICHT'S HANDS-ON LESSONS HAS YET TO BE DECIDED.
PRINCE BRUNO.

...Y...
YEAH...
.....
PRINCE LICHT CONVEYED TO ME THAT UNDERSTANDING THE LIVES OF COMMONERS WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL TO HIS STUDIES.
IT IS CERTAINLY NOT AS THOUGH HIS HIGHNESS IS CONTINUING TO WORK MERELY BECAUSE IT IS ENJOYABLE, IS THAT NOT SO?
MASTER, YOU HAVE MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES AS WELL.
N-NAH...
I WAS OUT OF LINE.
...I APOLO-GIZE.
WELL...
...EXCUSE ME.



...YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER ...

...CAREFULLY REEXAMINING YOUR OWN PLANS.

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I JUST HAD TO GO AND BLURT OUT...
...THE ONE THING A ROYAL SHOULD NEVER SAY...

SAYING WE'RE "RIVALS" WHEN THIS IS HOW I FEEL...
I DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT...
OF COURSE BRUNIE WOULD BE APPALLED BY ME.
YOU CAN'T AIM FOR KINGSHIP WITH HALF-HEARTED FEELINGS.
THERE'S NO WAY YOU'D END UP GETTING IT, AND YOU SHOULDN'T, FOR THAT MATTER.

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WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE MATTER, PRINCE LICHT?
A PROBLEM, PERHAPS?

MAY I BE OF SERVICE TO YOUR HIGH-NESS?
SMIRK
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